

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation. It is absolutely outrageous and un-American. Plus, it is slanderous and untrue.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when a large company uses its power to twist the news and to destroy people's reputations without full and complete evidence of the truth, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. We get powerful people's opinions and lies to forge people's opinions who don't often think for themselves.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.